



Docket No. 5000-4960

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Koya Suzuki, et al. Group Art Unit: 3679  
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For: JOINING STRUCTURE FOR TWO MEMBERS AND PROPELLER SHAFT

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT/RESPONSE**

In response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** as pending are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are reflected on page 11 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.

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**IN THE DRAWINGS**

The attached sheets of amended drawings include amendments to Fig. 5. In Fig. 5, the reference numeral 108 referring to the leading end portion has been amended to recite "108s" in accordance with the specification, for example as in Fig. 4.

Attachment: One (1) Replacement Sheet

